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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN FOLKLIFE FESTIVAL

REF: HOOKS/TREACY LETTER, 3 MAY

1. LUIZA MARQUES LETTER APRIL 29 TO JAMES EARLY RAISES
SOME FUNDING PROBLEMS. SMITHSONIAN HOPES POST CAN HELP
RESOLVE SOME OF FOLLOWING:

2. FUNDS FOR AIRFARE APPARENTLY BASED ON
SALVADOR/MIAMI/SALVADOR, NOT ROUNDTRIP TO WASHINGTON
AS ORIGINALLY REQUESTED. SMITHSONIAN HAD NOT BUDGETED
MIAMI/WASHINGTON TRAVEL THOUGH WILLING BUS PARTICIPANTS
FROM NEARBY AIRPORT WHEN NECESSARY, AND WILL BRING FROM
MIAMI IF SCHEDULING REQUIRES.

3. PRE-DEPARTURE PASSPORTS AND DOCUMENTS APPARENTLY
CONSTITUTE FINANCIAL BURDEN ON PARTICIPANTS. SMITHSONIAN
UNFORTUNATELY UNABLE HELP DEFRAY THESE COSTS.

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4. AT LEAST ONE PARTICIPANT REQUIRES SOME NEW CLOTHES

FOR TRAVEL WHICH SMITHSONIAN UNABLE COVER.

5. UP TO FIFTY DOLLARS MAY BE REQUIRED BY FOOD

DEMONSTRATOR. HOOKS LETTER REQUESTED LIST OF
INGREDIENTS REQUIRED, SOME OF WHICH SMITHSONIAN WOULD BUY
AND PAY FOR IN WASHINGTON. WILL CONSIDER REIMBURSING
COSTS OF INGREDIENTS PURCHASED SALVADOR BUT POST
REQUESTED ENSURE COSTS KEPT WITHIN REASONABLE BOUNDS.

6. SOME PARTICIPANTS DESIRE TO LEAVE SOME FUNDS WITH
DEPENDENTS DURING ABSENCE. THIS CONSTITUTES "COMPENSATION
FOR LOST WORK TIME" WHICH GOB WAS ASKED TO UNDERTAKE IN
INITIAL INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN FESTIVAL.
SMITHSONIAN CAN ONLY PROVIDE CRAFTS SUPPLIES, ROOM AND
BOARD PLUS TEN DOLLARS DAILY POCKET MONEY.

7. EARLY SUGGESTS CULTURAL FUND-RAISING SOCIAL EVENT
BE GENERATED, PERHAPS SPONSORED BY BINATIONAL CENTER,
TO INCLUDE CALASANS, JORGE AMADO, ETC. KISSINGER

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